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H. R. 1407

[Report No. 112-82]

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2011, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 6, 2011

Mr. Runyan (for himself and Mr. Stutzman) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

May 20, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. Braley of Iowa, and Mrs. Ellmers

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2011, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

1	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2	tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4	This Act may be cited as "Veterans' Compensation
5	Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011".
6	SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-
7	TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY
8	COMPENSATION.
9	(a) Rate Adjustment.—Effective on December 1,
10	2011, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
11	accordance with subsection (e), the dollar amounts in ef-
12	feet on November 30, 2011, for the payment of disability
13	compensation and dependency and indemnity compensa-
14	tion under the provisions specified in subsection (b).
15	(b) Amounts To Be Increased.—The dollar
16	amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
17	the following:
18	(1) WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.
19	Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of
20	title 38, United States Code.
21	(2) Additional compensation for depend-
22	ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under section
23	1115(1) of such title.
24	(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar
25	amount under section 1162 of such title.

- 1 (4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA2 TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar
 3 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec4 tion 1311 of such title.
- 5 (5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA6 TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts
 7 under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) Determination of Increase.—

- (1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each dollar amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title H of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2010, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).
- (2) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased under paragraph (1), if not a whole dollar amount, shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar amount.
- 21 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af22 fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in23 creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability
 24 compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub25 lie Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received

- 1 compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States
- 2 Code.
- 3 SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.
- 4 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the
- 5 Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as
- 6 increased under that section, not later than the date on
- 7 which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the
- 8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
- 9 to be published by reason of a determination made under
- 10 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2012.
- 11 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 12 This Act may be cited as "Veterans' Compensation
- 13 Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011".
- 14 SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION
- 15 AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COM-
- 16 **PENSATION.**
- 17 (a) Rate Adjustment.—Effective on December 1,
- 18 2011, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
- 19 accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in effect
- 20 on November 30, 2011, for the payment of disability com-
- 21 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation
- 22 under the provisions specified in subsection (b).
- 23 (b) Amounts to Be Increased.—The dollar
- 24 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the
- 25 following:

1	(1) Wartime disability compensation.—Each
2	of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of title 38,
3	United States Code.
4	(2) Additional compensation for depend-
5	ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under section
6	1115(1) of such title.
7	(3) Clothing allowance.—The dollar amount
8	under section 1162 of such title.
9	(4) Dependency and indemnity compensa-
10	TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar
11	amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of section
12	1311 of such title.
13	(5) Dependency and indemnity compensa-
14	TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts
15	under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.
16	(c) Determination of Increase.—
17	(1) Percentage.—Except as provided in para-
18	graph (2), each dollar amount described in subsection
19	(b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the
20	percentage by which benefit amounts payable under
21	title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et

seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2011, as a re-

 $sult\ of\ a\ determination\ under\ section\ 215(i)\ of\ such$

Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

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1	(2) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased				
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3	shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar				
4	amount.				
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7	made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensa-				
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9	857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received compensation				
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13	Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as				
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15	which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the				
16	Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required				
17	to be published by reason of a determination made under				
18	section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2012.				
19	SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF				
20	VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE SPECIALLY				
21	ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO INDIVID-				
22	UALS RESIDING TEMPORARILY IN HOUSING				
23	OWNED BY A FAMILY MEMBER.				
24	(a) Short Title.—This section may be cited as the				
25	"Andrew Connolly Veterans' Housing Act".				

- 1 (b) Extension.—Section 2102A(e) of title 38, United
- 2 States Code, is amended by striking "December 31, 2011"
- 3 and inserting "December 31, 2016".

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